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April 18, 2011

Dear Resident:

Phases I and II of the Buck Lake Road improvements were completed in 2007 and earlier this year, respectively. Phase III, which is between Davis Drive and Pedrick Road and connects the improvements already completed in Phases I and II, is now underway.

Infrastructure improvements will include the installation of turn lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, and the enhancement of stormwater management systems. The completed project will improve traffic safety and reduce delays and congestion. It will also offer safe and convenient alternative transportation choices to citizens, as well as increased opportunities for exercise and wellness.

The overall project was designed using a Board-appointed Citizens' Advisory Committee that sought community input and provided recommendations.

Phase III has a contract time of 18 months but is anticipated to be completed sooner. A significant, time-consuming portion of the project requires relocating the water lines and a sewer force main.

During construction, traffic patterns will be changed to allow for a safe working area for both construction crews and motorists. A temporary lane along the north side of Buck Lake Road is currently under construction. Once this lane is complete, traffic will be shifted to this new lane and restricted to eastbound flow only between Davis Drive and Pedrick Road. The shift to one-way eastbound traffic will begin on May 2, 2011.

Beginning May 2, 2011, westbound traffic on Buck Lake Road will be detoured via Pedrick Road to Highway 90. To accommodate the detoured traffic flow, the Florida Department of Transportation has agreed to provide for dual left-turn lanes from Pedrick onto Highway 90. The dual turn lanes at Highway 90 will provide additional access capacity for the westbound traffic on Buck Lake Road.

Buck Lake Road will remain eastbound only throughout the majority of construction, and motorists will be advised of additional traffic pattern changes via signage and barricades. Two-way traffic is expected to be restored by April 2012 (assuming there are no weather delays).

We understand that this new traffic pattern will affect your commute and will require some adjustments. We appreciate your patience and cooperation. For questions regarding this project, contact the Public Works' Division of Engineering at 606-1500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Park".
Tony Park, P.E.
Director of Public Works